

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 46 to 71.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 27, 30 and 35 to 38 are allowed and that claims 26, 28 and 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

It is considered that all claims are now allowable in view of the indicated allowable subject matter and reasons set forth below.

A new set of claims is presented and the correspondence between the new and previous claims is set forth in the attached table.

An editorial correction to page 14 is made by the above amendment.

Claims 25, 29, 31, 33-35, 38-45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stacey et al. (US 6,018,008).

This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the above amendments and the attached table showing correspondence between all of the present claims and previously allowed claims.

Further, claims 41 and 45 (new claims 67 and 71) were deemed to lack novelty, but these claims depend on claim 36 which the Examiner found allowable, and thus it is considered that these claims are also allowable.

Further, the citation discloses the application of the specified polymer compound to an optical fiber, but there is no disclosure whatsoever of the application to a resist composition or a resist dissolution inhibitor as in the present invention and new claims 64 to 71.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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New Claim	Dependency	Previous Claim
46	Independent	26 ((allowable if made independent)
47	D-46	28
48	D-46	29
49	D-46	31
50	D-49	32
51	D-49	34
52	Independent	27 (allowable)
53	D-52	27 + alicyclic group is an adamantyl group
54	D-52	27 + monomer unit is derived from a (meth)acrylic ester
55	Independent	30 (allowable)
56	Independent	33 + 26 (allowable)
57	Independent	33 + 27 (allowable)
58	Independent	33 + 30 (allowable)
59	Independent	35 + 26 (allowable)
60	Independent	35 + 27 (allowable)
61	Independent	35 + 30 (allowable)
62	Independent	36 (allowable)
63	D-62	37 (allowable)
64	Independent	38 + 26 (allowable)
65	D-64	39
66	D-64	40
67	Independent	41
68	D-67	42
69	D-67	43
70	Independent	44 + 26 (allowable)
71	Independent	45